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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

An optical component includes two adjacent materials with a shaped (e.g., curved) interface between the materials. The first material is birefringent. The second material has a refractive index substantially equal to the refractive index of the birefringent material at a predetermined angle.